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Public Act No. 05-168

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS AND
ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Each health care provider licensed in this state with prescriptive authority may generate prescriptions in this state utilizing an electronic prescribing system. The Department of Consumer Protection may, within available appropriations, advise and assist health care providers in such utilization.

Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 1-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of section 1-277 and section 1 of this act, sections 1-266 to 1-286, inclusive, do not require a governmental agency in this state to use or permit the use of electronic records or electronic signatures.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) A health care institution licensed by the Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 368v of the general statutes may create, maintain or utilize medical records or a medical records system in electronic format, paper format or both,

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provided such records or system are designed to store medical records or patient health information in a medium that is reproducible and secure.

Sec. 4. Section 19a-639a of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (c) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

(NEW) (c) The Office of Health Care Access shall, in its discretion, exempt from certificate of need review pursuant to sections 19a-638 and 19a-639 any health care facility or institution that proposes to purchase or operate an electronic medical records system on or after October 1, 2005.

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